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(54) Process for the production of L-2-amino-4-(hydroxymethyl-phosphinyl)-butyric acid.

(57) A new process of producing L-2-amino-4-(hydroxymethylphosphinyl)-butyric acid (L-AMPB) is

now provided, in which (hydroxymethylphosphinyl)-2-oxo-butyric acid

(OMPB) is treated with one or more transaminases or with one or more microorganisms capable of producing the transaminase, in the presence of one or more amino-donor compounds such as α -amino acids. According to this process, the optically active L-AMPB useful as herbicidal agent can be produced efficiently in a facile way for a reasonable reaction time.



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